

S. Thomas Oct. 31 - 1878

Prof. Asa Gray

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Dear Sir!

I am in receipt of yours of 4th inst. and beg to thank for the kind manner in which you have received my application to you and at the same time to be excused for not having answered your letter before.

But having as the officer commanding the troops at this place been engaged for the greater part of the month in quelling the late negro insurrection in St^a Cruz, correspondence and other similar occupations have necessarily been somewhat delayed for a short time.

With regard to my treatise on the Flora of the Virgin Islands and St^a Cruz I beg to offer the following details as to size and contents.

The work will probably demand some 80 or 90 pp. in 8^o or something like 60 pp. of the publications of the Amer. Acad. of Arts and Science.

If possible I should like to have it accompanied by 2 lithographed plates, representing 2 of the new species (*Rhus antillana* and *Anguria glomerata*) as well as by a phytogeographical map of the islands on a small scale, showing by different colours the various groups of vegetation.

As I consider my work to be more of phytogeographical than of systematical importance I should particularly feel interested in the publication of the map in question.

The work is so far ready as to require only to be written out and prepared for the press, which I expect to have accomplished in about 6 or 7 weeks, so that, if convenient to you, I shall be able to forward the whole MS. to you toward the close of the present year for publication in any of the journals mentioned in your letter.

With the assurance of my sincere regard I remain

Yours truly
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